

## GROWING OLD.

At six—I well remember when—  
I fancied all folks old at ten.  
But when I'd turned my first decade,  
Fifteen appeared more truly staid.  
But when the fifteenth round I'd run,  
I thought none old till twenty-one.  
Then, oddly, when I'd reached that age,  
I held that thirty made folks sage.  
But when my thirtieth year was told,  
I said: "At twoscore men grow old."  
Yet twoscore came and found me thrifty,  
And so I drew the line at fifty.  
But when I reached that age, I swore  
None could be old until threescore!  
And here I am at sixty now,  
As young as when at six, I trow!  
'Tis true, my hair is somewhat gray,  
And that I use a cane today;  
'Tis true these rogues about my knee  
Say "Grandpa!" when they speak to me;  
But, bless your soul, I'm young as when  
I thought all people old at ten!  
Perhaps a little wiser grown—  
Perhaps some old illusions flown;  
But wondering still, while years have  
rolled,  
When is it that a man grows old?  
—MARC COOK.

## VIPERS FURNISH HIM LIVING

Frenchman Has Become Famous for  
His Skill in Ridding the Vine-  
yards From Pests.

America has its rattlesnake. Continental Europe and the British Isles are bothered with a similar reptile known as the viper, and France seems to be especially burdened with a great number of these pests. Most of her districts, with a few exceptions in the northern part, are infested with them. Many men make a business of hunting the viper, and one Frenchman in particular has become so efficient at the business that he has been dubbed "John the Serpent." He wears heavy boots and carries a hunting outfit consisting of scissors, a forked stick, a knife and a handbag. Going about from vineyard to vineyard, he hunts out and kills the vipers, receiving pay according to the size of the snake caught. The snakes rarely exceed 3 or 4 feet in length, and their body, slightly puffed at the neck, thickens toward the middle. Their coloring is mostly gray and deep brown, with a slight tinge of red. This tint scheme is covered by a series of black and red spots. Green and yellow predominate in the female, with a similar array of black and red spots.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.



NO PROTEST

"Here's a note yer feller wants me to take t' you. He give me a nickel."  
"That's probably interest on the note."

## Seek John Calvin's Grave.

The spot where John Calvin, the Protestant reformer and theologian, is buried, in Geneva, Switzerland, is being sought by the authorities on information furnished by a man who says he is a descendant of Calvin. The location of the grave has been handed down through the Calvin family under pledge of secrecy, according to the man, who is seventy-one years of age, and as he is without issue he believed it his duty to divulge the location to the ecclesiastical consistory at Geneva.

Tradition has it that John Calvin, who died on May 27, 1564, was buried "in the common cemetery in Geneva called 'Plain-Palais,' but the exact spot has not been identified.

## Birth Interests Medical Men.

A Berlin woman gave birth to two healthy girls. Mother and babies were doing well when a third girl was born, seven weeks later. According to the latest reports the whole family are doing well. The unusual side of the case is that the third child is alive and doing well. Usually, a retarded birth results in the death of the child. Cases of twins born a short time after each other are fairly common, but not so with triplets.

## Engine Run by Sun Power.

A novel engine is operated by sun power at Mead, near Cairo, Egypt. It consists of five 205-foot dollers placed on edge and in the focus of five channel-shaped mirrors. The engine's best run for an hour yielded 1,442 pounds of steam at a pressure of nearly 16 pounds a square inch—equivalent to 68 horse power. An acre of land is occupied by the plant.

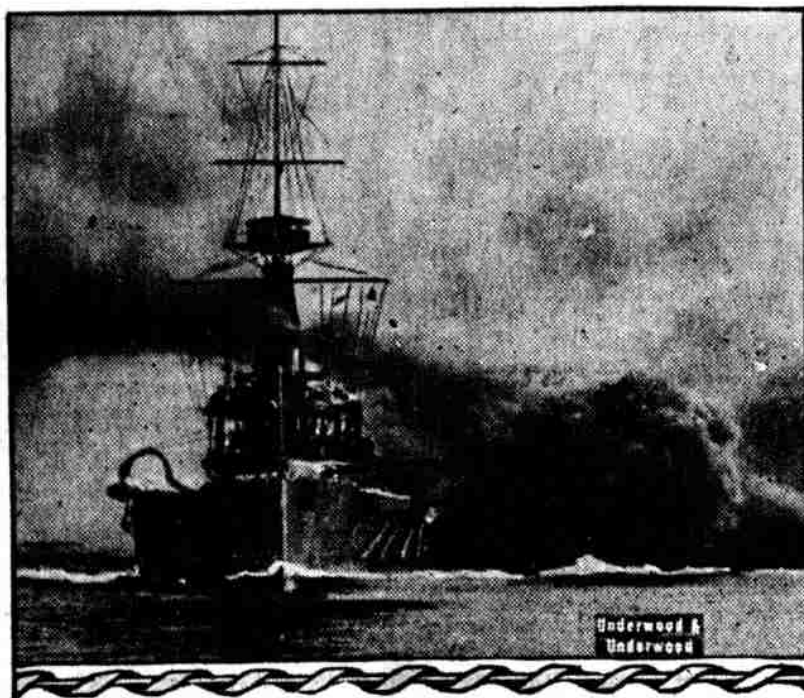
## Had Partiality for White.

An odd request was made by a negro who was hanged at Lake Charles, La. He requested that the scaffold for his execution be painted snow white in keeping with the white suit, shoes, tie, and socks he wore. He also asked that the executioner and attending deputies be clothed in white.

## Beans Cooked by Lightning.

Lightning struck the wires that were stretched between the rows of lima beans in a truck garden near Washington and cooked the beans. It was reported that the beans were large and tender, cooked with a delicious taste.

## She Is Noisy but Obsolete



This vessel, which is making such a lot of noise and smoke, is the British dreadnaught Colossus, one of the ships that are for sale because they are now classed as obsolete.

GOLD VEIN OPENED  
UP NEAR CHLORIDE

Wolz and Kellogg have discovered some good gold ore in the country below the old Merrimac mine, at Chloride, where they have been prospecting for some time. Samples taken from that territory show high values in gold, but we are unable to learn if they have discovered a vein in place. For years that section has yielded gold float that was enormously rich, but so far no one has been able to spot the vein. That there is a rich vein there that threw off the float is undoubted, but to dope out the location of the vein is another thing. The find is described as being a contact with the old lava flow that at one time covered the territory around Chloride, and it is possible that it is this contact that may have produced the mineralization at that point.

The flat country to the southwest of Chloride is gold bearing and should consistent mining be carried on there undoubtedly a good body of ore would be uncovered. So far only a superficial amount of work has been done on the claims, and practically no crosscutting has been carried on.

## BAZAAR AND SUPPER

A bazaar and supper will be given by the Ladies Aid Society of the St. Johns Church on Nov. 30th in the social hall.

The bazaar opens at 4:30 P. M. with many useful and handsome articles of fancy work for sale. Aprons of many patterns and designs will also be for sale. Now is the time to select your Christmas presents.

Supper will be served, beginning at 5:30.

MAKE TRIP TO  
DIAMOND CANYON

James Uncapher, Earl Casteel, W. W. and O. D. Clack returned a few days ago from Diamond Canyon, where they viewed the new work that is being carried on there. A shot drilling outfit and large barge are being gotten ready for a trip into the canyon and active drilling for bedrock will soon be underway under the direction of competent engineers. The terms of the permit to J. B. Girard from the Federal Power Commission is being carried out and if nothing interferes it will be only a few months before the second row of holes will have been drilled. The old road is being repaired and is almost complete to Diamond Canyon, thence down to the Colorado river.

Mr. Uncapher learns that the dam is to be built only a short distance above the mouth of Diamond Creek and that Diamond Creek gorge will be used as a by-pass during the building of the main dam. It is the intention of the projectors of this project to develop at least 140,000 horsepower of electric energy.

## PROSPECTING FOR BORAX

The impetus given to the borax industry by the discovery and sale of deposits to the west of St. Thomas, Nevada, has caused many prospectors to start a systematic search of this county for the mineral. J. S. Porter has a camp in the gyp field, north of White Hills, from which point he is working in the surrounding hills for evidences of the presence of borax and with some success. Last Monday the Kingman party that went into the Big Bend, stopped at his camp and found samples of good borate. In other parts of the county prospecting is being maintained for the mineral and the impression among those who know something of its occurrence is that good bodies will surely be discovered in various parts of the country.

## Couldn't Live Up To It

"Why did you take down that 'Do It Now' sign hanging over your desk?"

"I couldn't stand the way bill collectors looked at it when I told them to come around tomorrow," replied the sensitive and impecunious citizen.

## BIG BUTTE MERGER

One of the largest mergers of copper companies is soon to be put into execution at Butte, Montana, the two corporations pooling their activities being the Davis-Daily and the East Butte. These companies have the most important copper mines in Montana and their merger would be of great benefit to the shareholders of both corporations. The mines of Butte have reached a depth where the heaviest possible machinery must be used and if companies are able to coordinate their efforts it would result in the scrapping of the lighter machines and the working out of the ore bodies through one large shaft. East Butte has a large smelter capacity and has been handling the product of the Davis-Daily and if there is a combination of interests the smelter will be given a larger tonnage. The Hibernia silver-lead mines will also remain open and furnish a considerable tonnage for the big plant.

## LEAD MARKET FIRMER

The fact that the domestic production of lead is in the hands of a few corporations make the position of lead ideal in the market. These companies can at any time force an issue with the consumer, as it would be impossible to get an adequate tonnage for the country's needs without calling upon these producers. While it is not the policy of the producer to harass the consumer, it is nevertheless the intention of the producer to place a price on its product that will bring in a net revenue. For many years lead has been pounded down, as has zinc, until the miners and smelters have been forced to take drastic action against the manufacturers of the products. And now that a fairly steady market is possible we expect to see many small properties in the productive class. Mohave county is capable of producing a tonnage of 2,000 to 3,000 tons of lead annually, while the zinc properties could send out as much more. In the production of this tonnage many miners and other workers would be employed, which would be important to the entire county.

## BIG STEEL MERGER

A steel merger of the Utah Steel company has been affected with large coal interests that will give that company fuel rights sufficient to make possible the manufacture of steel on the coast at a cost low enough to compete with the manufacturers of the east. The manufacturers of steel at some point in the west that would make the country free of eastern manufacturers was a necessity and it is to be hoped that foundries will be installed at various points, where cheap fuel and power may be obtained. The southwest is growing in importance and the necessity of steel manufactures is one of the elements that will make for faster growth.

## MAY PAY COMMISSION ON BOND SALES

The superior court of one of the California counties has just handed down a decision affirming the right of the state to pay commission on the sale of its bonds. This question has long been a mooted one, especially in Arizona and if the judgment of the court is upheld by the appellate court it is probable that it will be accepted as law in this state. Owing to the reading of the law the impression prevailed that bonds must be sold for their face value and that no commissions must be paid on account of the sale. While this view has not been followed to any extent there has been timidity on the part of the boards having charge of such sales that sooner or later their action would be assailed. If the state has the right to pay commissions it follows that municipalities have the same right.

## Two of a Kind

"Why don't you get rid of that mule?" asked one Virginia dorky to another.

"Well, yo' see, Jim," replied the other, "I hates to give up. Ef I was to trade dat mule off he'd regyard it as a pussional victory. He's been tryin' fo' de last six weeks to get rid of

## Market Quotations

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Adams Extension	.09	.10
Arizona Tom Reed	.01	.03
Argo Mines	.07	.10
Arizona Rand	---	.50
Black Range	.01½	.03
Big Jim Consolidated	.02	.03
Boss Gold	.03½	.06
Canario Copper	1.65	1.90
Consolidated Mines	---	.04
Comstock Con.	.10	.15
Dean	.35	.50
Golconda Extension	---	.10
Gold Chain	.19	.25
Gold Ore	.03	.03½
Gold Dust	.08	.10
Jerome Superior	.20	.27
Hecla Mining	4.20	---
Lexington Ariz. Min.	.03	---
Lucky Boy	.02	.02½
Nellie Mining	.05	.09
Katherine Gold Min.	1.05	1.20
Katherine Extension	.30	.35
Katherine Mohawk	.11	.13
Katherine Revenue	.09	.11
Mascot Copper	.30	.32
Nevada Katherine	.10	.12½
Nacozari	.13	.16
Nancy Lee	.25	---
New Comstock	.85	1.00
Oatman United	.06	.07
Oatman Amalgamated	.07	.10
Oatman Gold	---	.10
Old Dad	---	.05
Sunnyside	.03	.04
Telluride	.06½	.08
Treasure Vault	.25	---
Tom Reed	.38	.42
United Eastern	2.35	2.40
United American	.19	.21
United Western	.06	.08
Union Pass	---	.10
White Hills	.35	.50
Wellington Mines	.22	---
Virginia Louise	.07	.08
Yelow Pine	.30	.36

## BONDS

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Liberties, 2nd 4s	93.50
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